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HOUSE BILL No. 1349

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Citations Affected: IC 25-24; IC 35-48.

Synopsis: Legend drug prescriptions by optometrists. Allows optometrists who are certified by the optometric board to administer, dispense, and prescribe certain narcotic drugs, codeine with compounds, and hydrocodone with compounds. Repeals a law concerning drug formulary requirements. Adds an optometrist to the controlled substances advisory committee. Makes conforming changes.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 25-24-3-6, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2006,
2 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
3 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 6. **(a)** As used in this chapter, "legend drug" has
4 the meaning set forth in IC 16-18-2-199. **The term includes a narcotic**
5 **drug listed under IC 35-48-2-8(e), codeine with compounds, and**
6 **hydrocodone with compounds.**

7 **(b) Subject to subsection (a),** the term does not include:

8 **(1) a schedule I controlled substances substance** (as defined in
9 ~~IC 35-48-1-9~~; **IC 35-48-2-4**);

10 **(2) a schedule II controlled substance** (as defined in
11 **IC 35-48-2-6**); or

12 **(3) a schedule III controlled substance listed in**
13 **IC 35-48-2-8(a) through IC 35-48-2-8(d) and IC 35-48-2-8(f)**
14 **through IC 35-48-2-8(h).**

15 SECTION 2. IC 25-24-3-10, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2006,
16 SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
17 JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 10. The board shall do the following:

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(1) Adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to do the following:

(A) Establish a formulary of legend drugs that may be prescribed, dispensed, or administered by an optometrist.

(B) Set fees described in IC 25-1-8.

(C) Carry out this chapter.

(2) **Except for a drug listed in subdivision (3),** establish education and training requirements in ocular pharmacology required for certification to do the following:

(A) Administer therapeutic legend drugs.

(B) Dispense legend drugs.

(C) Prescribe legend drugs.

(3) Establish education and training requirements required for certification to administer, dispense, or prescribe a narcotic drug listed in IC 35-48-2-8(e), codeine with compounds, and hydrocodone with compounds.

~~(3)~~ **(4)** Establish continuing education requirements for renewal of the certificate issued under this chapter.

SECTION 3. IC 25-24-3-12, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2006, SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 12. **(a)** The board shall issue ~~a~~ **an optometric legend drug** certificate to a licensed optometrist who:

(1) applies; and

(2) successfully fulfills ~~all~~ the requirements of **section 10(2)** of this chapter.

(b) The board shall issue an optometric controlled substance certificate to a licensed optometrist who:

(1) applies; and

(2) successfully fulfills the requirements of section 10(3) of this chapter.

SECTION 4. IC 25-24-3-16, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2006, SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 16. (a) Optometrists may administer topical diagnostic legend drugs limited to:

(1) miotics;

(2) mydriatics;

(3) anesthetics; and

(4) cycloplegics;

without holding a certificate issued under this chapter. These pharmaceutical agents may be applied in diagnostic procedures only as a part of an examination of the eye.

(b) The board may authorize an optometrist holding a certificate issued under **section 12(a)** of this chapter to:

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(1) administer for therapeutic use;

(2) dispense; or

(3) prescribe;

legend drugs that are included in the formulary established by the board under section 10 of this chapter, in the treatment of any condition of the eye or the associated structures of the eye.

(c) The board may authorize an optometrist holding a certificate issued under section 12(b) of this chapter to:

(1) administer for therapeutic use;

(2) dispense; or

(3) prescribe;

codeine with compounds, hydrocodone with compounds, and narcotic drugs listed under IC 35-48-2-8(e) that are included in the formulary established by the board under section 10 of this chapter, in the treatment of any condition of the eye or the associated structures of the eye.

SECTION 5. IC 25-24-3-17, AS ADDED BY P.L.157-2006, SECTION 65, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 17. (a) An optometrist may not:

(1) administer, dispense, or prescribe therapeutic legend drugs; or

(2) dispense or prescribe diagnostic legend drugs, **narcotic drugs listed under IC 35-48-2-8(e), codeine with compounds, or hydrocodone with compounds;**

unless the optometrist is certified under this chapter.

(b) An optometrist may not prescribe or dispense for a patient more than a five (5) day supply of:

(1) a narcotic drug listed under IC 35-48-2-8(e);

(2) codeine with compounds; or

(3) hydrocodone with compounds.

~~(b)~~ **(c)** An optometrist may administer diagnostic legend drugs without obtaining a certificate under this chapter.

~~(c)~~ **(d)** An individual who recklessly, knowingly, or intentionally violates this chapter commits a Class A misdemeanor.

SECTION 6. IC 35-48-2-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1. (a) The board shall administer this article and may recommend to the general assembly the addition, deletion, or rescheduling of all substances listed in the schedules in sections 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 of this chapter by submitting in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 a report of such recommendations to the legislative council. In making a determination regarding a substance, the board shall consider the following:

(1) The actual or relative potential for abuse.

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(2) The scientific evidence of its pharmacological effect, if known.

(3) The state of current scientific knowledge regarding the substance.

(4) The history and current pattern of abuse.

(5) The scope, duration, and significance of abuse.

(6) The risk to public health.

(7) The potential of the substance to produce psychic or physiological dependence liability.

(8) Whether the substance is an immediate precursor of a substance already controlled under this article.

(b) After considering the factors enumerated in subsection (a), the board shall make findings and recommendations concerning the control of the substance if it finds the substance has a potential for abuse.

(c) If the board finds that a substance is an immediate precursor, substances which are precursors of the controlled precursor shall not be subject to control solely because they are precursors of the controlled precursor.

(d) If any substance is designated or rescheduled to a more restrictive schedule as a controlled substance under federal law and notice is given to the board, the board shall recommend similar control of the substance under this article in the board's report to the general assembly, unless the board objects to inclusion or rescheduling. In that case, the board shall publish the reasons for objection and afford all interested parties an opportunity to be heard. At the conclusion of the hearing, the board shall publish its findings.

(e) If a substance is rescheduled to a less restrictive schedule or deleted as a controlled substance under federal law, the substance is rescheduled or deleted under this article. If the board objects to inclusion, rescheduling, or deletion of the substance, the board shall notify the chairman of the legislative council not more than thirty (30) days after the federal law is changed and the substance may not be rescheduled or deleted until the conclusion of the next complete session of the general assembly. The notice from the board to the chairman of the legislative council must be published.

(f) There is established a ~~sixteen (16)~~ **seventeen (17)** member controlled substances advisory committee to serve as a consultative and advising body to the board in all matters relating to the classification, reclassification, addition to, or deletion from of all substances classified as controlled substances in schedules I to IV or substances not controlled or yet to come into being. In addition, the advisory committee shall conduct hearings and make recommendations to the

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board regarding revocations, suspensions, and restrictions of registrations as provided in IC 35-48-3-4. All hearings shall be conducted in accordance with IC 4-21.5-3. The advisory committee shall be made up of:

(1) two (2) physicians licensed under IC 25-22.5, one (1) to be elected by the medical licensing board of Indiana from among its members and one (1) to be appointed by the governor;

(2) two (2) pharmacists, one (1) to be elected by the state board of pharmacy from among its members and one (1) to be appointed by the governor;

(3) two (2) dentists, one (1) to be elected by the state board of dentistry from among its members and one (1) to be appointed by the governor;

(4) the state toxicologist or the designee of the state toxicologist;

(5) two (2) veterinarians, one (1) to be elected by the state board of veterinary medical examiners from among its members and one (1) to be appointed by the governor;

(6) one (1) podiatrist to be elected by the board of podiatric medicine from among its members;

(7) one (1) advanced practice nurse with authority to prescribe legend drugs as provided by IC 25-23-1-19.5 who is:

(A) elected by the state board of nursing from among the board's members; or

(B) if a board member does not meet the requirements under IC 25-23-1-19.5 at the time of the vacancy on the advisory committee, appointed by the governor;

(8) the superintendent of the state police department or the superintendent's designee;

(9) three (3) members appointed by the governor who have demonstrated expertise concerning controlled substances; ~~and~~

(10) one (1) member appointed by the governor who is a psychiatrist with expertise in child and adolescent psychiatry; ~~and~~

(11) one (1) optometrist to be elected by the Indiana optometry board from among its members.

(g) All members of the advisory committee elected by a board shall serve a term of one (1) year and all members of the advisory committee appointed by the governor shall serve a term of four (4) years. Any elected or appointed member of the advisory committee, may be removed for cause by the authority electing or appointing the member. If a vacancy occurs on the advisory committee, the authority electing or appointing the vacating member shall elect or appoint a successor to serve the unexpired term of the vacating member. The board shall

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1 acquire the recommendations of the advisory committee pursuant to
 2 administration over the controlled substances to be or not to be
 3 included in schedules I to V, especially in the implementation of
 4 scheduled substances changes as provided in subsection (d).

5 (h) Authority to control under this section does not extend to
 6 distilled spirits, wine, or malt beverages, as those terms are defined or
 7 used in IC 7.1, or to tobacco.

8 (i) The board shall exclude any nonnarcotic substance from a
 9 schedule if that substance may, under the Federal Food, Drug, and
 10 Cosmetic Act or state law, be sold over the counter without a
 11 prescription.

12 SECTION 7. IC 35-48-2-1.5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.1-2006,
 13 SECTION 546, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
 14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007]: Sec. 1.5. (a) The advisory committee
 15 shall annually elect a chairperson and any other officers that the
 16 advisory committee determines necessary from among its members.

17 (b) Meetings of the advisory committee may be called by:

18 (1) the advisory committee chairperson; or

19 (2) a majority of the members of the advisory committee.

20 (c) ~~Seven (7)~~ **Nine (9)** members of the **advisory** committee
 21 constitute a quorum.

22 (d) Notwithstanding IC 1-1-4-1, if at least a quorum of its members
 23 are present at a meeting, the **advisory** committee may take an action by
 24 an affirmative vote of at least a majority of the members present and
 25 voting.

26 (e) The advisory committee shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to:

27 (1) set standards related to the registration and control of the
 28 manufacture, distribution, and dispensing of controlled
 29 substances, including record keeping requirements;

30 (2) set fees described in IC 25-1-8; and

31 (3) carry out its responsibilities under IC 35-48-2 through
 32 IC 35-48-3.

33 (f) The Indiana professional licensing agency shall provide staff and
 34 facilities to the advisory committee under IC 25-1-5.

35 (g) Each member of the **advisory** committee who is not a state
 36 employee is entitled to the minimum salary per diem provided by
 37 IC 4-10-11-2.1(b). ~~Such a~~ **The** member is also entitled to
 38 reimbursement for traveling expenses and other expenses actually
 39 incurred in connection with the member's duties, as provided in the
 40 state travel policies and procedures established by the department of
 41 administration and approved by the budget agency.

42 (h) Each member of the **advisory** committee who is a state

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1 employee is entitled to reimbursement for traveling expenses and other
2 expenses actually incurred in connection with the member's duties, as
3 provided in the state travel policies and procedures established by the
4 department of administration and approved by the budget agency.

5 SECTION 8. IC 25-24-3-11 IS REPEALED [EFFECTIVE JULY 1,
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COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Public Health, to which was referred House Bill 1349, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said bill do pass.

BROWN C, Chair

Committee Vote: yeas 8, nays 3.

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